

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A pet food product for promoting comprehensive weight management in companion animals comprising, on a dry matter basis, about 35 to about 70% by weight of a protein, about 4 to about 10% by weight of a fat, about 5 to about 25% by weight of a fiber, about 10 to about 35% by weight of a digestible carbohydrate, and about 0.1 to about 1 % by weight of a functional ingredient, wherein the functional ingredient is selected from the group consisting of L-carnitine and conjugated linoleic acid and a diacylglyceride.
2. (Original) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein said companion animal is selected from the group consisting of a dog and a cat.
3. (Original) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein said fat comprises essential long-chain fatty acids.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously amended) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein a comprehensive weight management includes a change in physiology of a companion animal selected from a group consisting of an increase in lean body mass, weight loss, an increase in the animal's satiety, a decrease in the animal's voluntary food intake, a decrease in blood urea nitrogen levels, and a reduced risk of ketosis.

9. (Original) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein the pet food product is selected from a group consisting of a wet pet food, a semi-moist pet food, a dry pet food, a pet treat, a pet snack, and a pet drink.
10. (Currently amended) A process for producing a pet food product for companion animals, the process comprising the step of adding about 35 to about 70% by weight of a protein, about 4 to about 10% by weight of a fat, about 5 to about 25% by weight of a fiber, about 10 to about 35% by weight of a digestible carbohydrate, and about 0.1 to about 1% by weight of a functional ingredient, wherein said functional ingredient modulates metabolism and builds lean muscle mass and said functional ingredient is selected from the group consisting of L-carnitine, ~~and conjugated linoleic acid and a diacylglyceride~~.
11. (Original) The process of claim 10, wherein said animal is selected from the group consisting of a dog and a cat.
12. (Original) The process of claim 10, wherein said fat comprises essential long-chain fatty acids.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Original) The process of claim 10, wherein the pet food product is selected from a group consisting of a wet pet food, a semi-moist pet food, a dry pet food, a pet treat, a pet snack, and a pet drink.

Claims 18-57 (Cancelled)